

REMARKS

These remarks are directed to the final office action mailed November 7, 2008, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 7, 2009. The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered.

Prompt reconsideration is requested in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks. As indicated, amendments introduce no new matter. Claims 69, 71-80 and 82-83 are pending.

Claim Objections

Claims 76 and 78 have been objected to because of informalities. Claims 69 and 76 have been amended to correct the informalities and thus overcome the Examiner's objections.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated on page 3 of the November 7, 2008 office action that claims 70-73, 78-80, and 83 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 70 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 69. Therefore, claims 71-80, which depend on now allowable claim 69, are also allowable.

The office action also states that claim 82 is allowed. Therefore, claim 83, which depends on allowed claim 82, is also allowable.

Conclusion


In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain,

which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 058482-010101 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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